

THE question of the day is, How to Make Back-Robbing Unsuccessful. It is being debated with time-loops and dynamite, and, up to date, dynamite seems to have the better of the contest.

WON'T some of his friends—if he has any friends—quietly tell the Hon. Jno. E. Organ the story of the monkey that climbed the tree? But, come think of it, the Hon. Jno. E. isn't climbing, not just at present. As the darkey said of the coon, "he's done fell off!"

THERE seems to be a lull in the St. Louis hoodler hunt; the scent lies cold on the track. But perhaps the hounds of the law are only resting for a fresh start. The late grand jury did not bring a single hoodling indictment. Wouldn't it be queer if the Hon. Ed Butler were left to hold the bag?

If President Roosevelt prefers to hold social relations with the Afro-American, that's his business; but he needn't expose his upper teeth to white people whose taste differs from his. Even the old woman who "by choice" kissed the cow admitted her neighbors' right to their preferences.

IRONTON and applan Miss Nettie Summers of the public school of Liberal, Kansas. I'll bet she's pretty as I know she's bright, and that she is a comfort to her parents and a joy to her companions is self-evident. Read her opinion on Man, and remember while reading it that she lives in Kansas, the home of the Nations, the Leases of idleness.

"Man has the greater influence over the human race, both in civilization and in causing happiness, and while you may think this is a strange thing for a girl to say, it nevertheless is my opinion."

A FRIEND—a former resident of the Valley—sends me a number of clippings from the Chicago newspapers showing a most deplorable condition in that city—social, religious and political. Reading them, one in his heart echoes the sentiment—"God made the country; man made the town," and he is duly thankful that the latter is restricted in his creative powers, and that the universe is not of his planning. Although my friend says his letter is "not for publication," it is so full of suggestion that I violate his command, merely suppressing the signature:

"Dear Sir:—I cannot resist the impulse to send you the enclosed clippings—and they tell their own story without the necessity of any embellishment on my part. The school trouble began when a colored woman teacher was placed in charge of one of the rooms of the West Side schools—but as soon as the hullabaloo began she was retired with the explanation that it was an 'error.' Since then school strikes have become monotonously frequent. I say nothing of other conditions—mixing of the races in school, unsanitary conditions, political mismanagement, etc., etc., there is enough to fill volumes. The recent disclosure of the connivance and assistance of police with thieves, etc., has long been an open secret. Hold-ups and the more serious crimes are subjects of comment only when exceptionally daring and atrocious. All this makes a former dweller in the peaceful environments of Ironton envy those whom the pressure of life's duties does not condemn to temporary exile. Sincerely, Yours."

THE St. Louis Chronicle says: "There is plenty of practical proof that higher education is going very largely toward useless ornamentation, to the neglect of essentials." Sure! And it will be so long as we accept a common level of brain in the application of schooling. Man are no more mentally than physically equally gifted. Adaptation to the end desired must be considered. A linguist is not necessarily a mathematician, nor the latter fitted by nature for *belles-lettres*. Neither is a mechanical "genius" often a fit subject for the pulpit. Yet the plan of modern education—especially the "higher education"—is to fashion all its work from the same block. He who is fitted naturally for the plow or the engine is diverted from his "best" and made to take on a finish never intended for his mental fibre, and a thick coat of educational varnish is relied upon to cover all defects. But, aside from all this, the ornamentation the Chronicle speaks of is not nearly so difficult of application, nor does it require such painstaking efforts as do the essentials of a true education—the rudiments, the groundwork, which, if faulty, renders of little or no avail the whole superstructure. How many graduates of high schools can write their mother language correctly? How many reason intelligently or intelligibly? There is more money wasted—to put it on no higher plane—in the so-called "education" of to-day than upon all other public fads combined.

THE confession of Youtsey, private secretary to Gov. Taylor during his incumbency, implicates the latter in the murder of Goebel—in fact, makes him the head and front of the foul conspiracy. Kentucky's authorities

will again issue a requisition upon Indiana's governor for the arch murderer, but it will no doubt be ignored, as it was a year ago. Our Republican friends hold up their hands in holy horror at the mere suggestion of anarchy, but they're pretty good law-smashers, too, upon occasion: they easily convince themselves that "the saints of the Lord" ought to be immune from the pains and penalties provided for crime in the common herd. Reverse the conditions: Let some Democratic governor murder in cold blood a Republican contestant and then flee to a Democratic State; let the authorities of that State refuse to honor the requisition of the Republican governor for the criminal's return to the place having jurisdiction of the offense—ye gods, what an appeal for the triumph of law and order would thrill the country! How would the deep denunciation of Democracy's wickedness be set out by our horrified Republican neighbors! How their "holier than thou" pat-on-the-back would be passed around! How their snaffle of self-righteousness would be in evidence, and how beautiful their feet on the mountains! The Indianapolis *Sentinel*, commenting upon the situation, says: "It is certainly a misfortune, from any point of view, that the existing situation should have arisen, but it is here, and it must be dealt with. There is no room to question that the governor of Kentucky was foully assassinated, but it was in the course of a political controversy, and political feeling is of so pervasive character that many Indiana Republicans calmly say he ought to have been assassinated. It is useless to argue against that kind of prejudice, but surely every thinking man must see what fearful results would follow if the principle of assassination were introduced into our politics. This is why there are such universal horror of anarchy, and such universal demand for its vigorous suppression. But this is exactly the same thing—assassination to secure political ends—and any countenance of it must necessarily tend to build up a system of American anarchy."

Watch St. Louis.

The greatest World's Fair the world has ever seen will be held at St. Louis in 1904. To keep in touch with the work of preparation for this great World's Fair and to get all the news of all the earth, every reading person should at once subscribe for the great newspaper of St. Louis, the *Globe-Democrat*. It stands pre-eminent and alone among American newspapers and acknowledges no equal or rival. Its circulation extends to every State and territory of the Union, to Canada and Mexico, and to every part of the world where there are readers of the English language. It ought to be in your home during the coming year. See advertisement elsewhere in this issue.

Fresh oysters by the plate or quart at the Blue Store.

Mann Items.

The past week was a very quiet one in this vicinity. The roads being almost impassable there was very little travel. The man that could do something to cause us to have good roads in the near future would certainly be a very popular person with the people.

Sam Crocker, of near Goodwater, visited Marion Anderson Saturday and Sunday.

Born—To Mr and Mrs. I. J. Lashley, Jan. 29, 1903, a ten pound boy. He wears a broad smile.

J. G. Hartman visited Prof. J. H. Turner at Bellevue Saturday night.

Prof. P. D. Hartman, of Des Arc, visited relatives in Bellevue Saturday and Sunday.

Mrs. J. A. Logan and two daughters visited friends in Bellevue Thursday.

R. N. Bartlow lost, by fire, about fifty dollars worth of feed last Friday. Caused by a match being dropped near a stack of ensilage.

A drummer representing the Peters' Shoe Co. was here one day last week. He had a good team, but they could hardly travel, the mud was so bad.

Miss Ella Shy, we are reliably informed, will soon leave for Wellston, Okla., to join her brothers and sister, who have been there the past year.

Mrs. L. Simms, who has been sick so long, improves very slowly.

Charley Paulus, of near Bellevue, has a very severe attack of pneumonia. Dr. J. Q. Adams is the attending physician.

John Anderson, of near Goodland, was here Saturday.

Prof. Wm. Henderson, of Burgundy, was here Sunday.

Miss Laura Davidson, of Butler county, is visiting her sister, Mrs. Ida Rhodes.

Ed McClary visited here Saturday and Sunday, the guest of J. McClurg.

If this is the true "Ground-hog day" he certainly will see his shadow. This is not in accordance with the teachings of our old grandparents, who claimed the 14th to be the day.

MANN.

Great reduction in all winter millinery at Mrs. Lulu Gillam Woodside's.

Extra Announcement.

Commencing with this issue of the REGISTER, we will give all persons buying \$1.00 worth of goods at the Greater Bonanza a ticket for a Ladies' or Gentlemen's 20-year Solid Gold Filled Watch, although we have made the greatest reductions on all our goods. Remember, for every \$1.00 you get a ticket.

Yours Truly,
GREATER BONANZA.

TWO SALES IN ONE!

REMNANT AND CLEARING SALE.

We have decided for the next thirty days to reduce our stock, and what we will do to former prices will be plenty. Blankets, Underwear, Ladies' Cloaks and Capes, Men's Clothing and Overcoats, Dress Goods, Millinery, in fact every line will have its share of the cut. Many goods below cost. We were able to buy direct from the mills their short lengths in many staple articles, and we also combine this with our clearing sale. Note a few of the many greatly cut prices:

2000 Yards Dark American Calicoes, one of the best brands manufactured; worth 6 1-2 cents per yard, in good dress pattern lengths, 30 days only, go for per yard **4c.**

Dry Goods.

American Blue Calico, 30 days only, go for 5c yard.
1000 yards Great Western Domestic, worth 8 1-3c, for 30 days only, 5c yard.
One yard wide good Bleached Domestic in remnants, 30 days only, at 5 yard.
1 1-4 yd. wide unbleached Sheeting, Lockwood Brand; worth 30c yd., for 30 days only, 15c yard.
35 yard bundle remnants of Standard Calico, for 30 days only, go for 95c, or 2 3-4c yard.
500 yards remnant Apron Check Gingham, for 30 days only, 4c yard.

Blankets.

Good Grey Double Blankets, for 30 days only, reduced to 58c.
175 Blankets reduced to \$1.25.
250 Blankets reduced to \$1.98.
350 Blankets reduced to \$2.98.
Comforts worth 90 cents reduced to 55 cents.

Women's & Children's Jackets

Women's and Children's Jackets at big reductions. Just a sample of our cutting:
Good Wool Capes that sold for \$1.50, go for 98c.
Good Silk Plush Capes that sold for \$5.00, go for \$3.75.
300 Capes go for \$1.75.
Ladies' Jackets that sold for \$4.00, go for \$2.50.
Ladies' Jackets that sold for \$4.90, go for \$3.00.
Ladies' Jackets that sold for \$7.50, go for \$5.50.
Ladies' Jackets that sold for \$10, \$12 and \$18, have been reduced to cost and less.

Big cuts in Ladies' Hats, Skirts, Shirt Waists and Dress Goods.

Men's Clothing & Overcoats.

Men's Clothing and Overcoats reduced from 20 to 25 per cent.
\$15.00 Overcoats for \$12.00.
\$10.00 Overcoats for \$7.50.
\$7.50 Overcoats for \$5.90.
\$5.00 Overcoats for \$3.75.

Shoes.

Immense bargains in Shoes. A few items to show what we are doing.
Misses' School Shoes, mostly 1, 12 and 2, go for 75c to \$1.00, that are worth from \$1.00 to \$1.50.
Men's Shoes, Brogans, for 95c, worth \$1.25 to \$1.50.
Men's Fine shoes for \$1.25, worth \$1.75 (mostly No. 7).

Groceries.

SALT ONLY \$1.15 PER BARREL.

Dried Apples, 5c per pound.
California Peaches, 3 pounds for 25c.
15 Bars Laundry Soap, 25c.
Royal and Dr. Price's Baking Powder, for 20c, half pound cans.
Package Coffee, 10c.
A Fine Bulk Roast Coffee for 12 1-2 cents.
A Santos Pea Berry Coffee for 18 cents per pound, that is equal to any 30 cent Coffee you are using. Try it.
19 pounds Granulated Sugar for \$1.00.

GREAT BARGAINS.

This Sale will go on for Thirty Days Only, so take advantage of our offerings and save money.

T. S. Lopez & Sons.

IRONTON, MISSOURI.

Des Arc Items.

We were taught at school that the earth was composed of land and water, but I think now it is mud and water. The roads are impassable and business is at a standstill.

The Clark Manufacturing Co. has leased the Funk factory at Annapolis and will run it to its full capacity. It will make business lively around Annapolis.

John Baldwin has sold his interest in the Baldwin hub factory at Ironton, and he will return to his old trade of building contractor.

Ironton factories are getting from ten to twelve cars of hub timber every day from the Belmont branch.

Wm. Stevenson is much better. He was at his store Monday.

Henry Sutton is not much better. E. W. Graves sold a car of dressed lumber at Poplar Bluff last week. It brought \$500 and he has received the check for it. Yellow pine is advancing.

Clyde Gill and wife came down from St. Louis Thursday night to spend the summer with his parents at Patterson. His health is very poor and he thinks the country will do him good, which we hope it will.

Mr and Mrs. E. W. Graves spent the first part of last week in St. Louis. Miss Maude Fitz is visiting in Pied-

mont this week, having her teeth attended to.

Mrs. Edmonds returned home Saturday after spending the past week with her brother, P. D. Hartman, who accompanied her as far as Ironton.

Mrs. W. E. McKee returned home Friday after spending the past week with her sister, Mrs. J. S. O'Neal.

Rev. Trotter will fill his regular appointment here Sunday and Sunday night.

ISAAC.

Try Heno Rye, 10 years old, high grade whiskey, at Jacob Grandhomme's.

The gentle springtime will soon be here. In order to make room for spring stock Mrs. Woodside is offering her most elegant assortment of winter millinery at cost and below cost. This is a sale that the ladies cannot afford to miss. Call early and get the choice.

Notice.
On October 15, 1902, there were two boxes of freight addressed to A. B. Coffman, unloaded at Benson's switch, south of Annapolis. The boxes remained there until Oct. 17th, when I took charge of them and still have them in my possession. Unless owner calls for property within ten days and pays storage I shall otherwise dispose of same.
L. M. LOYD.

Annapolis, Mo., Feb. 3, 1903.

School Board Proceedings.

Board met with all members present. Minutes of last meeting read and approved. Teachers' reports for January filed and their salaries for the month of January ordered paid.

The following bills were filed and ordered paid: W. T. Gay, for one load of pine and cutting same, \$3.00; Eli D. Ake, printing, tickets, statement and report cards, \$9.75; W. H. Delano, stationery and supplies, \$2.08. No further business board adjourned to next regular meeting in March.

W. H. DELANO, Sec'y.

CASTORIA.

Bears the Signature of *Chas. H. Fletcher*

PROBATE DOCKET.

Term Docket Probate Court Iron County, Mo., February Term, A. D. 1903.

Monday, February 9.
W. T. Gay, Administrator of estate of C. T. A. of the estate of Peter Pauly, deceased.

Adolph Lopez and T. S. Lopez, Administrators of the copartnership estate of T. S. Lopez & Sons, dissolved by death. Final.

W. T. Gay, Administrator of the estate of Maria J. Beard, deceased.

August Rieke, Guardian and Curator of the person and estate of Otto Rieke, minor. Final.

W. T. Gay, Guardian and Curator of the person and estate of Edgar Gilman, minor.

W. T. Gay, Guardian and Curator of the person and estate of Augusta Gilman, minor.

W. T. Gay, Guardian and Curator of the person and estate of Geo. S. Gilman, minor.

Tuesday, February 10.

John H. Huebnerhoff, Executor of the estate of Caroline Heinrichs, deceased. Final.

Geo. M. Johnson, Executor of the estate of Mary E. Johnson, deceased.

Kizzie Rubie, Administratrix of the estate of Andrew Rubie, deceased.

Theodore Gherman, Curator of the estate of John Sandman, minor.

Dr. George A. Auerwald, Guardian and Curator of the person and estate of Francis Greason Delano, minor.

Benedict Boehler, Jr., Guardian and

Curator of the person and estate of Frank Boehler, minor.

Lina Sells, Guardian of the person and Curator of the estate of Annie M. Sells, minor.

Wednesday, February 11.

Samuel M. Hatridge, Guardian of Margaret A. Andrews, insane.

Everet W. Hughes, Guardian of Nancy Hughes, insane.

James Buford, Guardian of the person and Curator of the estate of John Sands, insane.

T. W. Whitworth, Guardian of the person and Curator of the estate of John Timila (alias Norton), insane.

J. W. Alcorn, Curator of the estate of Myrtle A. Strother, minor.

J. W. Alcorn, Curator of the estate of Grace May Strother, minor.

J. B. HAMPTON, Probate Judge and Ex-Officio Clerk.

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